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Letter dated 20 May 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

With reference to the high-level consultative meeting on Darfur held in Khartoum on 17 and 18 May 2009, which comprised the Government of the Republic of the Sudan, the African Union, the League of Arab States and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, please find attached the press statement issued at the end of the meeting (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex were issued as a document of the Security Council.

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Press statement

The consultative meeting between the Government of the Sudan, the African Union, the League of Arab States and the Organization of the Islamic Conference

Khartoum 17-18/5/2009

At the invitation of the Government of the Sudan and in line with their commitment to coordinate efforts, H.E. Amre Mousa, the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States (LAS), H.E. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) and H.E. Jean Ping, Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AU), held consultative meetings with the Sudanese leadership in Khartoum during the period 17 and 18 May 2009 and exchanged views on the political developments, the humanitarian and security situations in Darfur, and the negative impact of the International Criminal Court (ICC) decision on peace agreements and stability in the Sudan in general and Darfur in particular.

The leaders of the three organizations were briefed on the positive political developments in the Sudan to realize a peaceful political transformation and power-sharing through dialogue and democratic elections scheduled to be held in February 2010. They were also briefed on the ongoing Doha peace talks and the AU-LAS joint efforts in supporting the talks to put an end to the conflict and realize peace and stability in Darfur. They called upon the rebel movements, once more, to join the peace process and requested the international community to put pressure on them to join the Darfur peace negotiations within the framework of the LAS-AU initiative under the patronage of Qatar State.

The leaders of the three organizations were briefed on the general security situation in Darfur and took note of UNAMID reports, which indicate significant improvement of the security situation and stability in the region. They were also briefed on the Government's support to UNAMID to perform its obligations as mandated and called upon the international community to acknowledge and enhance the Government's positive efforts.

During their field visit to Darfur, they noted the Government's endeavour to improve the humanitarian situation in the region as well as its concerted efforts with the United Nations and the NGOs in that regard. The three parties agreed to continue following up the developments of the humanitarian situation in Darfur in coordination with the Government and pledged to contribute to providing the needed humanitarian assistance in a sustainable way.

The three leaders discussed the implications of the ICC decision and reaffirmed the position, in principle, of their organizations in this regard, as it undermines the efforts to solve the problem of Darfur and jeopardizes peace in the Sudan and the whole region, as well as sending negative signals with regard to the

Darfur peace negotiations. Thus, based on its announced statements and decisions, the three organizations expressed, once again, their common position in supporting the Sudan in order to maintain its sovereignty, security, unity and the immunity of its leadership.

The leaders of the three organizations urged the Government of the Sudan to continue its commitment to carry out the necessary investigations into the crimes committed in Darfur and expressed their confidence in the ability and integrity of the Sudanese judiciary to realize accountability and address impunity in the Sudan.

They called upon the United Nations Security Council to heed requests made, respectively, by the African Union, the League of Arab States and the Organization of the Islamic Conference regarding the ICC decision on the President of the Republic of the Sudan. They agreed to coordinate and combine efforts and intensify contacts with other international and regional groupings to realize that objective.

The three leaders called upon Chad and the Sudan to respect each other's sovereignty, good neighbourliness and common interests, and to fully adhere to agreements signed between the two countries, particularly the Doha Agreement signed on the 3rd of May 2009.